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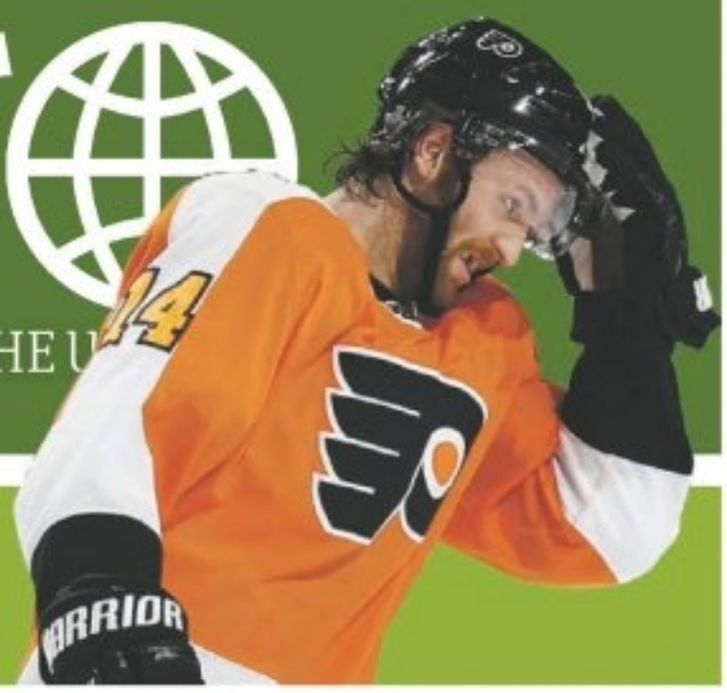

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Well, Metro readers, Philly has made national news again, in a horrible way. A Center City Starbucks barista called 911 on two black men sitting and waiting for a friend, allegedly because they hadn't ordered anything, and now the entire chain is facing criticisms of racial bias. As a former cafe worker myself, I can tell you personally that all coffee shops have customers who hang out for hours, and it's hard to understand why someone would call police on any of them. Now that decision is costing Starbucks, big time. Read more about the outrage and what's next on pages 6-7 and at **MetroPhilly.us.**

TRUMP BASHES COMEY AHEAD OF BOOK RELEASE

1 President Donald Trump hurled a new set of insults on James Comey on Sunday, challenging accusations the former FBI director makes in a tell-all book that is due for release this week, and insisting that he never pressed Comey to be loyal to him. "Slippery James Comey, a man who always ends up badly and out of whack (he is not smart!), will go down as the WORST FBI Director in history, by far!" Trump wrote in one of five Twitter posts aimed directly at the fired FBI chief. The renewed attacks by Trump came as ABC News was set to air an interview with Comey at on Sunday night in which he would discuss his book, "A Higher Loyalty." Trump fired Comey last May, setting off a firestorm, as the Federal Bureau of Investigation was probing possible connections between Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia's meddling in the American elections. Russia has denied interfering in the election and Trump has denied any collusion or improper activity. Reuters and other news outlets have obtained copies of Comey's book before its formal release this week. In it, Comey wrote that Trump, in a private meeting, pressed the then-FBI director for his loyalty.

PORN STAR TO ATTEND TRUMP LAWYER'S HEARING

2 Adult-film actress Stormy Daniels will attend a court hearing in New York on Monday for President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, Daniels' lawyer said on Sunday. Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, is engaged in a legal battle with Cohen over a $130,000 agreement for her to keep quiet about a 2006 sexual encounter she says she had with Trump. The agreement was reached just before the 2016 presidential election. Cohen is due in Manhattan federal court as part of a criminal investigation largely related to his business practices. He was ordered to appear as his lawyers try to hold off prosecutors from reviewing documents and other materials seized last week in raids on his home, office and hotel room. "She will attend," Clifford's lawyer, Michael Avenatti, wrote to Reuters, when asked whether the adult-film actress would be in court. Avenatti had tweeted on Friday about Cohen's ordered appearance with a comment that the "weather forecast for Mon looks very Stormy." A source familiar with the raids said that FBI agents were looking for information on payments to Daniels among materials related to other business dealings.

LEFTIST ORGANIZATION PROTESTS IN INDIA AGAINST THE U.S. AIRSTRIKE ON SYRIA

3 The Socialist Unity Centre of India, a leftist organisation, burned an effigy of President Donald Trump to protest against the U.S. airstrike on Syria, at Esplanade, on April 15, 2018, in Kolkata, India. ***Read more on the Syria airstrike on page 12.***

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SLOW-MOVING STORMS HEAD TOWARD EAST COAST

4 Deadly slow-moving storms generating record snowfall and low temperatures in the Midwest moved eastward on Sunday, leaving stranded airline travelers and thousands without power. In Michigan, where snowfall was expected to reach 18 inches in some areas, about 325,000 homes and businesses were without power, most of them in the southeast of the state. In the Detroit metro area, more than 310,000 customers of DTE Energy lost power on Sunday because of ice storms, DTE spokeswoman Je'well Pearson said. Icy roads were also posing a challenge for utility trucks, which could prolong some of the outages, she said. Tornado watches were in effect over the Carolinas, but no tornadoes had been reported by early Sunday afternoon, said National Weather Service meteorologist Brian Hurley. The storms stretched from the Gulf Coast to the Midwest and were moving into the Northeast and New England. A total of more than 150 flights had also been canceled on Sunday at Chicago's O'Hare International, Boston's Logan International, Milwaukee's General Mitchell International and Newark Liberty International airport in New Jersey, Flightaware said.

FORMER FIRST LADY BARBARA BUSH AILING

5 Barbara Bush, the wife of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, is in "failing health" and has decided to no longer seek medical treatment, the office of the ex-president said in a statement from Houston on Sunday. The former first lady, who is also the mother of former President George W. Bush, "will instead focus on comfort care," the statement said. She is 92 years old. The brief statement did not indicate the nature of Bush's illness but said that she had had a series of recent hospitalizations. CNN reported that Bush was suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and congestive heart failure. A Bush family spokesman said she was being cared for at her home. He did not provide information on the nature of her illness. "She is surrounded by a family she adores and appreciates the many kind messages and especially the prayers she is receiving," the statement added. As first lady from 1989 until 1993, Bush was a popular figure known for her sometimes blunt talk and self-deprecating wit. Her husband, the 41st president, is 93 years old. Her son, the 43rd president, is 71. She is the only woman to see her husband and son sworn in as U.S. president.

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Two SEPTA cops fired, charged with attacking drunk man

Two former SEPTA police officers are facing criminal charges for allegedly attacking a man at Frankford Transportation Center.

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An allegedly unwarranted attack on an intoxicated man at Frankford Transportation Center led to two SEPTA cops losing their jobs and facing criminal charges.

The SEPTA cops are accused in connection to a December attack on a man at Frankford Transportation Center, according to the transit agency.

David Simcox, 29, is charged with aggravated assault, while Johnathan Lanciano, 29, is charged with simple assault. Both are charged with recklessly endangering another person and filing false reports.

The duo was fired earlier this year after an internal investigation into the arrest of a man who claimed he was unjustly attacked, while officers said he resisted arrest, SEPTA said.

SEPTA police were called to the SEPTA station around 12:32 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2017 on reports of an intoxicated person in the track area.

The victim, who has not been identified, was found sitting on the edge of the platform with his legs hanging over when officers arrived. But according to SEPTA, station surveillance and body-worn camera footage showed that during the course of their arrest, they attacked the victim without provocation.

"The review concluded that the officers punched the victim several times, resulting in injuries including a broken nose. The officers were not injured," SEPTA said in a press release. "The victim did not strike the officers or make any movements that could have been construed as reaching for a weapon. The victim was not found to be in possession of any weapons."

The officers could not be reached for comment.

ID photos of former SEPTA police officers David Simcox (top) and Johnathan Lanciano, charged with assaulting an intoxicated man unprovoked. SEPTA

COSBY TRIAL

'I was scared,' Cosby accuser says of alleged assault aftermath

The woman whose accusation brought Bill Cosby to trial in Pennsylvania on sex-assault charges testified on Friday that the comedian drugged and raped her in 2004 and she was terrified to tell anyone for months afterward.

It was the second time that accuser Andrea Constand, 45, confronted the 80-year-old entertainer in the suburban Philadelphia courtroom. Cosby stood trial last year on the charges, but the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

Constand is one of about 50 women who have accused the man known as the wise patriarch in the TV hit "The Cosby Show" of sexually assaulting them in attacks dating back decades. Hers is the only one recent enough to be the subject of criminal prosecution.

Constand, who worked at Cosby's alma mater Temple University at the time of the alleged attack, said she went to Cosby's house to discuss a potential career change. Cosby gave her three blue pills that he said would relax her.

She testified that the pills made her feel woozy. Cosby walked her to a sofa and laid her down.

"The next thing I recall, I was kind of jolted awake," Constand said. "My vagina was being penetrated quite forcefully. I felt my breasts being touched. He put my hand on his penis and masturbated himself with my hand. I was not able to do a thing."

Cosby has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and said that any sexual encounters he had were consensual. His lawyers have portrayed Constand as a gold-digging con artist.

Constand testified that she did not tell anyone of the attack until January 2005, about a year after she has said it occurred, because she feared coming forward. She ultimately confided in her mother.

She said she told her mother, "Mr. Cosby sexually violated me... Gave me three blue pills and sexually violated me without my consent."

With Constand living in her native Canada by this time, they went to the Durham Regional Police in Ontario and later told her brother-in-law, a Toronto police detective.

Constand said her mother spoke with Cosby by phone, and he confessed and apologized. That phone call was not recorded. REUTERS

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Protests planned outside Starbucks where black men were arrested

Nation outraged over video of black men arrested for "trespassing" in a Center City Starbucks.

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A video of two black men being arrested inside a Center City Starbucks for allegedly sitting in the cafe without buying anything has gotten millions of views on social media and sparked national outrage over claims of alleged racial profiling. A Sunday afternoon protest was planned outside the Starbucks at 18th and Spruce streets where the two black men were arrested on April 12, while another protest was planned for Monday morning.

"I am heartbroken to see Philadelphia in the headlines for an incident that — at least based on what we know at this point — appears to exemplify what racial discrimination looks like in 2018," Mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement, also announcing that he has referred the matter to the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations for an investigation of the company's practices and whether mandatory "implicit bias training" is needed by their staff. "Starbucks has issued an apology, but that is not enough."

Starbucks staff reportedly called police around 4:40 p.m. of April 12 to remove two African-American males who were inside the cafe, had not purchased any items and refused requests to leave. After two officers responded, they requested backup and a supervisor. Fellow patrons recorded the group of some six police officers handcuffing and escorting out the two men, who are not seen resisting or making any comments.

At the end of the video, a white man identified as real estate investor Alan Yaffe can be seen telling police he was meeting the two men and calling their arrest "ridiculous." The two men were reportedly detained for some eight hours before being released without charges being filed.

Philly activist and journalist Flood the Drummer reported that a manager at the Starbucks told him after the incident that Center City Starbucks prohibit excessive loitering.

"These officers did absolutely nothing wrong," Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross said in a Facebook video posted after the arrest went viral, saying the two men declined three "polite" requests to leave before they were arrested for trespassing. "They followed policy, they did what they were supposed to do, they

A protest was held on Sunday, and another is scheduled for Monday morning. ALL PHOTOS KAIT MOORE EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

At Sunday's protest, sage was burned in honor of black ancestors.

were professional in all their dealings with these gentlemen, and instead, they got the opposite back."

Ross said police had an "obligation" to arrest the pair after receiving the 911 call.

City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson, who represents the 2nd District in which the Starbucks is located, said the managers at the Starbucks should be replaced.

"These young men should not have received different treatment from other guests on-site and should not have been arrested in the first place," Johnson said in a statement. "I would hope Starbucks finds this incident violates its internal policies and replaces management at this location. Racial profiling should not be tolerated in 2018."

Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson posted a lengthy apology for the incident, as well, and said he is traveling to Philadelphia to address the situation.

"I hope to meet personally with the two men who were arrested to offer a face-to-face apology," Johnson said. "We have immediately begun a thorough investigation of our practices."

As of Sunday, about 150 people RSVPed on Facebook to a planned "Shut Down Starbucks" rally on Monday morning organized by the Philadelphia Coalition for REAL Justice.

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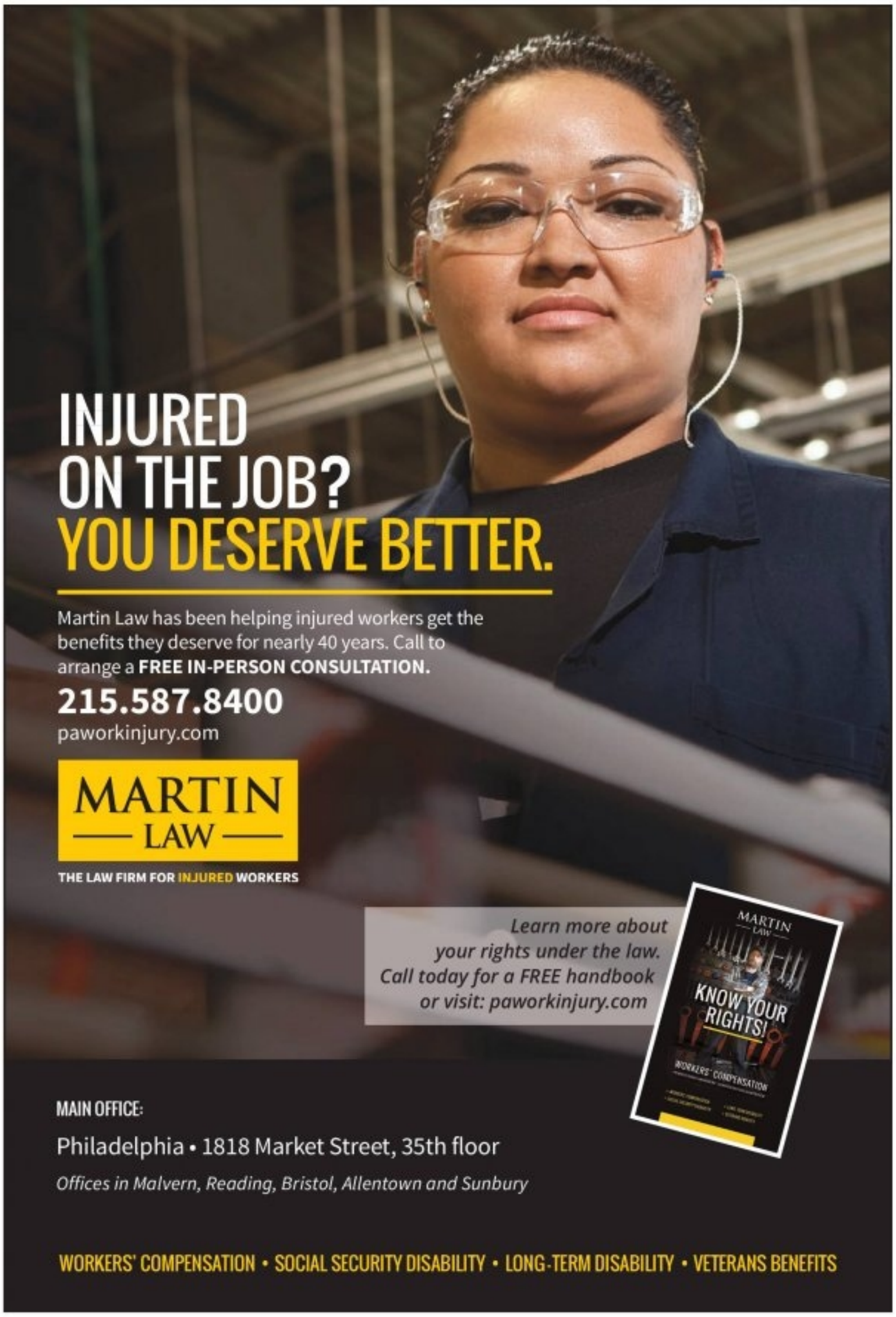
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New Rail Park will open in June with original Reading Viaduct structure intact

Newly renovated Rail Park will now preserve original Reading Viaduct structure.

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The Reading Viaduct's transformation into the Center City Rail Park will soon be complete, but the original structure won't be completely demolished, as was originally part of the plan. On Friday, the Center City District confirmed the new Rail Park will open in June and preserve the original historic structure of the elevated tracks built in the 1800s for commuter trains.

"The big change is that we were going to have to demolish and replace the old bridge, with great reluctance," said Paul Levy, executive director of Center City District. "We went back to the city and said we want to preserve it, here are some ways to reinforce it."

Center City District (CCD) said renovating the 130-year-old railroad bridge, instead of demolishing and rebuilding it, will both cost less than planned and open the Rail Park earlier than projected. While they originally wanted it to open in March, that got pushed back to July due to the needed demolition. Now the opening date has been moved up to June.

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Paul Levy

"Now we have the best of all possible solutions," Levy said, "and it will open right at the beginning of summer."

Levy said that after Urban Engineers, a Philly-based design and engineering team, evaluated the bridge, they determined it was sound enough to sustain pedestrian traffic with a couple additional supports. The bridge will also be subject to annual inspections. CCD said the renovation plan is the best option for a "cost, appearance and safety perspective."

Contractors have already poured new concrete and been working on "installing benches, platforms, trees, walkways and lighting" to pre-

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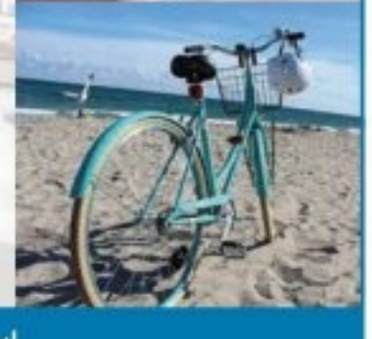

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Workers wrapping up the renovation of the Reading Viaduct, which will be preserved and is set to reopen as Center City Rail Park in June. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF CENTER CITY DISTRICT

pare the Rail Park for its debut," CCD said. They've also been redeveloping the 1300 block of Noble Street as part of the $10.3 million-budgeted first phase of the Rail Park's redevelopment.

"Phase one is for people to walk to the end and say, 'Is that all?' And that is certainly not all," Levy said. "The second phase is the elevated portion to the east that belongs to Reading International. Now that we have a completion date for phase one, we'll be talking to them about plans for phase two."

The former Reading Viaduct has sat unused through Center City Philadelphia since 1984. Overgrown with weeds and other detritus, it was known mostly as a hideaway for undesirables and wild walk for artistic types. Over the years, someone even set up a swing on the unused railroad tracks.

"The success of New York City's High Line, however, prompted renewed interest in Philadelphia's elevated tracks both as a public park and as a catalyst for redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhood," Gov. Tom Wolf's office said in a press release.

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Festival of Cherry Blossoms celebrated in Fairmount Park

The traditional Japanese flowering tree and Japanese heritage were celebrated at the Sakura Festival this weekend.

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Despite wind and chilly weather, the celebration of spring continued during Sakura Sunday at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairmount Park.

The weeklong event takes place among the blossoming cherry trees in the park. Throughout the week, attendees could partake in sushi-making classes, learn paper marbling or watch tea demonstrations and drum performances.

The finale of the festival, Sakura Sunday, featured Japanese dance and drum performances, vendors, food, traditional Japanese games, origami-making and more.

The festival first got started in 1998 in honor of the 1,600 cherry trees donated to Philadelphia from the Japanese government in 1926, part of the sesquicentennial (or 150th) anniversary of American Independence.

The Cherry Blossom Festival began in 1998 in honor of cherry trees donated to Philadelphia by the Japanese government. ALL PHOTOS KAIT MOORE

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Philadelphia substitute teacher accused of allegedly hitting first-graders

The School District of Philadelphia building. WIKIMEDIA

Several first-grade students of Sullivan Elementary School in Wissinoming have come forward to school officials after being hit by their substitute teacher. Six-year-old Kailyn Wildonger brought light to what was happening to her and five other students in their classroom on April 6.

Wildonger says that she was struck by the Philadelphia substitute teacher after she defended another boy the teacher was hitting for talking out of turn. Speaking up, the first-grader told the substitute, "Teachers aren't supposed to hit kids. You're not his mom or dad, so stop hitting him." Wildonger later told school officials that is when the substitute turned and hit her and twisted her wrist.

Wildonger eventually pretended to grab a tissue by the door making a run for it to the school office where she told the staff their substitute was hitting them.

The principal and vice principal of Sullivan Elementary School immediately removed the Philadelphia substitute teacher from the classroom.

Substitute teachers are employed through a staffing agency, Kelly Services. The incident is now under investigation with the staffing agency. Due to the ongoing investigation, the staffing agency has not released the teacher's name.

Meanwhile, the substitute has been banned from teaching in the Philadelphia Public School District. Following the Friday morning incident, Wildonger complained of soreness to her father, who brought her to the emergency room where she had her wrist checked out.

"Our students' safety is our top priority," said Megan Lello, the senior communications officer for the School District of Philadelphia. "This type of behavior will not be tolerated in any of our schools or by anyone who works in our schools, whether they are a regular employee or substitute teacher."

Kailyn Wildonger's father, Alan, has since filed a private criminal complaint with the police. SARAH LUOMA

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Russia's Putin predicts global 'chaos' if West hits Syria again

The U.S. is expected to announce new economic sanctions related to Syria on Monday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned on Sunday that further Western attacks on Syria would bring chaos to world affairs, as Washington prepared to increase pressure on Russia with new economic sanctions. In a telephone conversation with his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani, Putin and Rouhani agreed that the Western strikes had damaged the chances of achieving a political resolution in the seven-year Syria conflict, according to a Kremlin statement.

"Vladimir Putin, in particular, stressed that if such actions committed in violation of the U.N. Charter continue, then it will inevitably lead to chaos in international relations," the Kremlin statement said.

Meanwhile, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley told CBS' "Face the Nation" program that the United States would announce new economic sanctions on Monday aimed at companies "that were dealing with equipment" related to Syrian President Bashar Assad's alleged chemical weapons use.

On Saturday, the United States, France and Britain launched 105 missiles targeting what the Pentagon said were three chemical weapons facilities in Syria in retaliation for a suspected poison gas attack in Douma on April 7.

The Western countries blame Assad for the Douma attack that killed dozens of people. The Syrian government and its ally Russia have denied involvement in any such attack.

The bombings marked the biggest intervention by Western countries against Assad and ally Russia but the United States, France and Britain have said the missile strikes were limited to Syria's chemical weapons capabilities and not aimed at toppling Assad or intervening in the civil war.

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Responding to Haley's remarks about the plans for new sanctions, Evgeny Serebrennikov, deputy head of the defense committee of Russia's upper house of parliament, said Moscow was ready for the penalties, according to RIA news agency.

"They are hard for us, but will do more damage to the USA and Europe," RIA quoted Serebrennikov as saying.

In Damascus, Syria's deputy foreign minister, Faisal Mekdad, met inspectors from the global chemical weapons watchdog OPCW for about three hours in the presence of Russian officers and a senior Syrian security official.

The inspectors were due to attempt to visit the Douma site. Moscow condemned the Western states for refusing to wait for OPCW's findings before attacking.

Mekdad declined to co-Trump had said "mission accomplished" on Twitter after the strikes, though U.S. Lieutenant General Kenneth McKenzie at the Pentagon acknowledged elements of the program remain and he could not guarantee that Syria would be unable to conduct a chemical attack in the future. REUTERS

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Trump has doubled down on his clueless use of "Mission Accomplished."

To declare "Mission Accomplished," don't you need to know what the mission is? That key step is still noticeably AWOL from Donald Trump's victory dance on Syria.

We're pulling our troops out … maybe.

We're "establishing a strong deterrent against the production, spread and use of chemical weapons" … maybe.

We're "prepared to sustain this response" … maybe.

We're … oh, never mind!

Which of these various possible missions have we now accomplished? Could be any. Could be none. And, oh, the sour odor of those two boastful words!

Didn't Trump know that "Mission Accomplished" is a famous punchline from the endless war in Iraq, emblazoned on a banner aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, where George W. Bush announced on May 1, 2003, that "major combat operations" were done — one month after they'd started and 15 years too soon. Fifteen years and counting. Using those words now can be explained by an ignorance of history, an utter lack of caring or both. Pending further evidence, both is an excellent guess.

And then on Sunday morning, amid a flurry of tweets about James Comey, Loretta Lynch, Bill Clinton, Andrew McCabe, Hillary Clinton, Michael Cohen, the FBI and the Fake News Media (a typical Sunday morning, in other words), Trump doubled down on his clueless use of "Mission Accomplished."

"It is such a great Military term, it should be brought back," the tweet-happy president typed. "Use often!"

Whatever the mission might or might not be.

For Trump, it's more than one sloppy phrase, of course. It's a way of approaching the world with no concern for facts, principles, insight or consistency. A constant gush of venom and ego. The fired FBI boss Comey, whose book arrives on Tuesday, is target No. 1 this time. He is a "Slimeball," "Slippery," "out of whack," "not smart" and "WORST FBI director in history, by far!" — and on his way to "jail…jail." I don't have room here to quote the president's other careless character assassinations. Just know this much: They accomplish nothing at all.

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According to a recent investigation, several local and regional police forces have begun purchasing or are considering the purchase of GrayKey device used to open locked iPhones. ISTOCK

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies are using a tool called GrayKey to unlock iPhones and assist with criminal investigations.

According to a recent Motherboard investigation, several local and regional police forces including the Maryland State Police and Indiana State Police departments have begun purchasing or are considering the purchase of GrayKey device used to open locked iPhones. According to emails obtained by Motherboard, the Secret Service has plans to buy at least six of the GrayKey devices used to unlock iPhones.

Grayshift, the Atlanta-based startup company behind the GrayKey device, was created by U.S. intelligence agency workers and an ex-Apple security engineer according to Forbes. Although Apple releases security patches regularly, the company claims it can unlock any iPhone.

The user plugs the iPhone into the device for about two minutes. After disconnecting the iPhone from the GrayKey device, the iPhone will display a black screen with the passcode and other information, according to Malwarebytes. The process can take anywhere between two hours and three days to complete, depending on how complex the passcode is.

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Attention Gmail users: Your emails might 'self-destruct' soon

Word spread this week that Google is working on a new version of Gmail for the web. This improved design includes the addition of features that are already available in the Gmail Inbox app, such as "snooze" (which lets you temporarily hold off certain emails until you're ready to read them) and "smart reply" (which prompts you to answer messages quickly), according to The Verge. G Suite customers apparently received word about this Gmail redesign — so check your inbox ASAP because there's another important feature to take note of: emails self-destruct.

The new web layout will reportedly look more like the mobile app, and you'll have three options to choose from: Default, Comfortable and Compact.

We didn't overlook the part where emails self-destruct in the Gmail redesign; don't worry. Here's what you need to know.

Will my emails self-destruct?

Yes, but not in the way you think. It's not like your whole inbox will go up in flames. It's less dramatic — and it's due to a security feature Google will test out with the new Gmail.

In what is called "confidential mode," Gmail will let users set an expiration date on emails so that, after a certain point, recipients can't forward, copy, download or print these messages. The Verge notes, though, that recipients will still be able to take screenshots or photos of these confidential emails.

How do you control when recipients' emails self-destruct?

Tech Crunch reported that there will be a "tiny lock icon" indicating "confidential mode," and it will clearly tell you when the expiration date is.

"You can configure the expiration date so that your email disappears after 1 week, 1 month, multiple years, etc.," Tech Crunch writes. "You can also ask your recipient to confirm their identity with a passcode sent via text message."

So, if you send or receive messages to your Gmail inbox in "confidential mode," they will self-destruct (i.e. you can't copy, download or print them) once they reach the scheduled expiration date.

When exactly will emails self-destruct?

This "confidential mode" will be available around the time that Google launches the Gmail redesign, which will reportedly be within the next few weeks.

Google has confirmed that the launch is near, but they haven't released specifics at this time. The company sent the Washington Post this statement on Friday: "We're working on some major updates to Gmail (they're still in draft phase). We need a bit more time to compose ourselves, so can't share anything yet — archive this for now, and we'll let you know when it's time to hit send."

So, no flames. No need to panic. This new security feature will give you, the sender, more control. And as a recipient, you'll have a clear idea of when these messages will "self-destruct."

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Gmail's new layout will reportedly look more like the mobile app. ISTOCK

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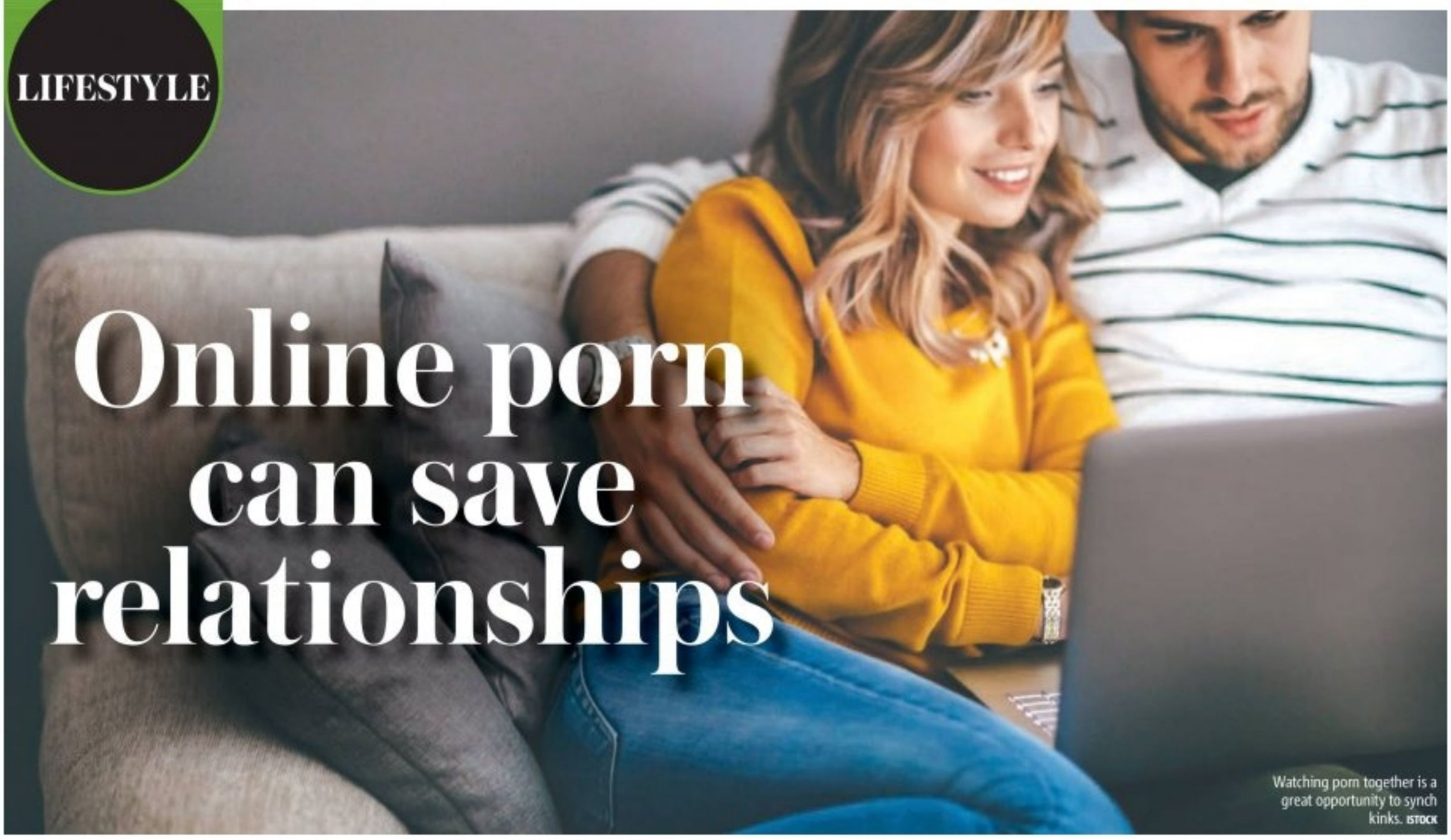

Watching porn together is a great opportunity to synch kinks. ISTOCK

Your partner's habit is tearing you apart... but does it have to?"

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Picture it: You've spent the whole day taking care of your clients, your boss and your coworkers. All you want to do when you eventually get home is rip off your clothes, rinse off your hellish commute and jump your partner's bones. Lo and behold, when you walk in — zoink! There's your partner on the sofa with a hand down their pants and the other slamming their laptop shut.

Betrayal! Horror! Disgust! They've taken their own hands to their own private parts with the help of online pornography! How could they? What did I do wrong? Is this the end for us?

Dear reader, it's probably not. In fact, you might be better for it.

Your bodies are different

Even if you've become "one flesh through holy matrimony" (haha) your partner's body still belongs to him or her. As such, your better half will have preferences you will never understand, like that disgusting brand of mayonnaise they love. But you both like sandwiches, right? And you can agree to disagree on a certain condiment but still grab sammies together, right? Buy your brand and their brand, make lunch, and you'll see that you can enjoy differently-lubricated slices of bread together in peace.

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Porn takes the pressure off you both

Tell me there hasn't been one time when you were exhausted and didn't feel like jiggling your horny partner's junk. I dare you. Props if you've got forearms of steel, but you're not lacking if you don't! We ask ourselves to be therapists, secretaries, fashion consultants, and unendingly ravenous sluts for our partners. Isn't it nice to outsource some of those services to others? What's so different about orgasms, especially given that neither their favorite porn stars nor their favorite hand is going to give them (or you) an STD?

You might learn something

Many of us watch porn all by ourselves. What would happen if we began to use porn as an opportunity to share our whole selves with our partners? After all, porn stars have given us a jump-start by sharing their naughty bits and tricks. Maybe we'll see a fun new position to try, or a kink we didn't know we had. Remember when sex was about discovery and fun?!

It's not always fun to learn that our sexual needs and gifts don't exactly complement our partner's. But when we lean into our differences, we give ourselves permission to be imperfect matches, and we lay the groundwork for intimacy and exploration that's rooted in the humanity we share with our better halves.

Next time you catch your partner with a hand down their pants, sit down next to them to see if you can get off to it, too. Maybe you'll love it, maybe you'll hate it — either way, you might find you're closer for it.

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Juvenile detention in America is a problem we need to face. RICHARD ROSS

Juvenile incarceration is a huge problem in America, and it becomes real when you hear from the kids who are trying to survive it.

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Ready for some really tough earbud moments? Download “Caught,” the free nine-episode podcast about kids in prison, told by the young people themselves. It puts voices to a problem you’re probably aware of but not invested in if you don’t have a friend or family member embroiled in the system.

Host Kai Wright curates the storytelling from a team of journalists and the young people who are brave enough to share their stories in “Caught.”

“All of the kids we introduce you to in this podcast remain — in one way or another — caught in the system,” Wright tells Metro. “They shared their stories with us at a time when they are terribly vulnerable. Having heard their stories, all I can conclude is that we owe them a lot more than this. How do we stop punishing and start helping people who do harm, to others, or to themselves?”

Roughly 53,000 young people are incarcerated in this country on any given night.

What leads to so many young people ending up in jail instead of in high school?

We’re criminalizing trauma, and simple teenage behavior — schoolyard fights, that sort of thing. We’re arresting 10-year-olds instead of working to help these kids.

That young? Really?

The sorting of innocence from irredeemable guilt starts so young. And more often than not, that stark divide depends on what you look like and where you live. We wanted to tell the stories about young people who are not innocent, and yet, due to troubling disparities, or just plain luck, they face very different consequences for their choices. For millions of them, once they get caught, that’s it.

Isn’t the prison system meant to help rehabilitate offenders?

Once a young person is put into detention, often for trivial offenses, it’s very rare for them to recover and return to life as a child, with support and opportunities. Even when they’re out of the system, these kids are in crisis.

These stories that you’re sharing are visceral because they’re so personal.

What we’re doing is asking someone who has never been asked to tell their story. We hear from activists, cops, government officials — but never the young people in the system.

So what’s the next step?

For the young people? While some get second chances or learn from their mistakes, others get trapped in a web of cops, courts and jails.

For the country? It’s hard to say, ‘Here’s what to do’ — I just hope this storytelling opens up a conversation about what we’re willing to consider. Do we abolish this system altogether? Address it differently? Let’s talk about it, and then we can think about next steps. We have a role in changing this system.

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Pack an activity bag
Kate Rope — author of "Strong as a Mother: How to Stay Healthy, Happy, and (Most Importantly) Sane From Pregnancy to Parenthood" and mother of two daughters, ages 6 and 10 — says she always packs a bag full of new games and toys before each trip.

"They include sticker books, coloring books, magnetic tic-tac-toe, card games, paper and markers," she says, adding that the bags come out only for trips to keep her daughters excited about them.

Ricky Shetty, who writes about family travel on his website, DaddyBlogger.com, and frequently travels with his three children, suggests bringing different types of games so you can quickly change things up when boredom strikes. For example, you might go from coloring books to shared games to puzzles. "The change of pace will shift their focus and get them interested and involved," he says.

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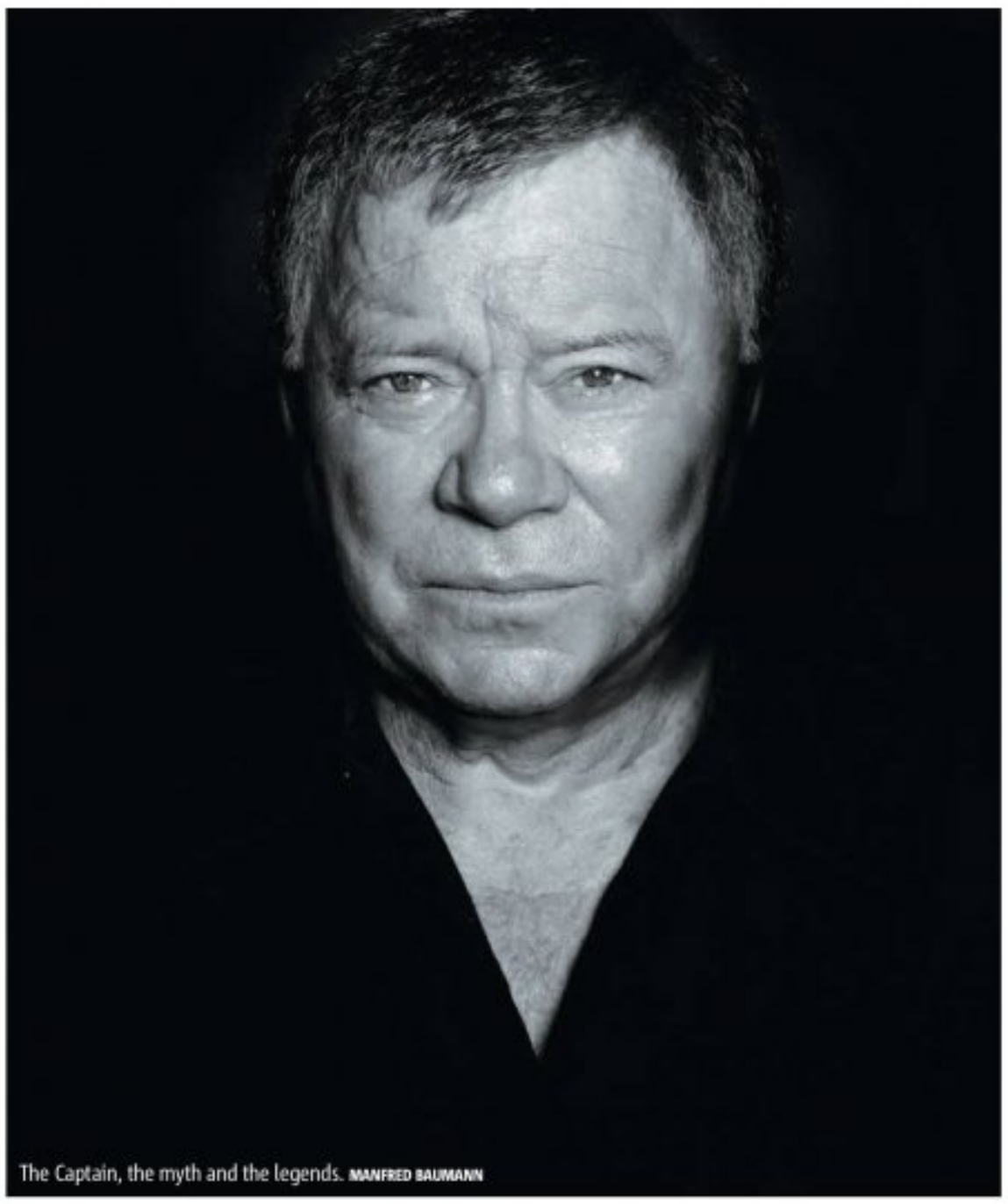
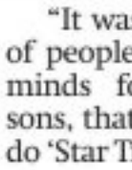


The Captain, the myth and the legends. MANFRED BAUMANN

William Shatner tells us why 'Star Trek II' is so important

But what about all those remakes? We spill the tea.



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"Star Trek" fans, rejoice! The legendary William Shatner is coming to Philadelphia on Thursday, May 17, for a screening of "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," at the Academy of Music.

The 87-year-old star of stage and screen will also answer questions from the audience following the film.

"I usually spend an hour or more with the audience," he says. "People are having a great time."

So why all the fuss over the second "Star Trek" film and not the first? Shatner explains that the first movie didn't go over well with critics or fans of the show. Paramount decided that it wouldn't pursue making additional "Star Trek" films.

"It was only the result of people changing their minds for various reasons, that they decided to do 'Star Trek II.' They gave the project to the television department, hoping they could do it more cheaply," Shatner reveals.

The business move ended up paying off in other ways as well, with the TV department basing the entire film off of a "Star Trek" episode with a villain named Khan.

"It reverted to the concepts that made 'Star Trek' [the series] popular — with character, good plot and all those things that the show had done well," he says. "The movie was very popular, successful with the critics and the fans. It launched all the other 'Star Trek' movies."

The voyage that launched a thousand reboots. GETTY IMAGES

Looking back on filming "Star Trek II," Shatner remembers teaming up with Leonard Nimoy (who famously played Spock), to be heard by management.

"We had a combined front. Things we thought were important to change — we hung out together to make those changes," he says.

And what did Shatner think of "Star Trek" when he was first introduced to it? It turns out he didn't even have to audition for the role of Captain Kirk.

"I was fortunate enough not to audition," he says. "I had some popularity prior to going onto 'Star Trek' — I had been on Broadway, movies and television. I was a known product and they asked me, so I actually auditioned them."

There had been a pilot for the show made with another actor playing Captain Kirk, but it didn't get picked up.

"The concept was intriguing enough for NBC to say to Paramount, 'Make another pilot with a different cast. [Gene] Roddenberry [the show's creator] called me up and asked if I would see the pilot and consider the role of Captain Kirk,"

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Shatner says. "When I saw the pilot they had made, I saw why NBC didn't pick it up — it was a little pedantic, a little lethargic. But the concept was very exciting."

At the time, Shatner had no idea that "Star Trek" would become so iconic.

"It was just another show," he says. "Moderately successful for three years and they canceled it. That was the end of it as far as everyone else was concerned. And then 'Star Wars' broke upon the American public and Paramount — this is a story I heard from execs — said, 'What do we got that can approximate the popularity of "Star Wars"?' They remembered six or seven years previously, they had done something called 'Star Trek.' They revamped it. Then what came out was the first movie and everyone was deeply disappointed. We were about to quit, and then came 'Star Trek II.'"

Flash forward to today, and "Star Trek" has been relaunched many times, both in movie theaters and on television. So what does Shatner think of the remakes? Turns out, he's a big fan of J.J. Abrams.

"I think it's great. The movies we made were ultimately canceled. We reached a ceiling of who was coming to see the movie. We never got beyond $100 million at the box office," he says. "When J.J. Abrams started directing the films he made, his sensibilities were going for the ride and the big effects — combining the excitement of 'Star Trek' with the big computer graphic effects. He was able to break through that ceiling and solve that problem."

Once Shatner is finished with this leg of "Wrath of Khan" screenings, he returns to Los Angeles to work on a number of other projects.

"The stuff I'm doing is many-fold. I'm doing two albums this year. Brad Paisley and Judi Collins are contributing their talents for the Christmas album, and Jeff Cook of Alabama will be on the country album," he says.

And then he's got a book on aging that comes out at the end of the summer, in addition to his work on "Better Late Than Never," an NBC series that stars Shatner, Henry Winkler, George Foreman and Terry Bradshaw.

Despite being close to ninety, Shatner shows no signs of slowing down.

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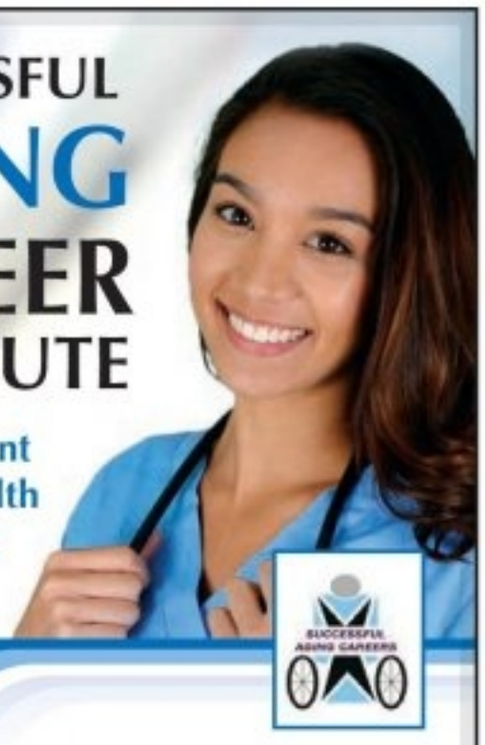

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Signs your boss doesn't have your back

There's a reason you aren't getting promoted, but it might not be your fault.

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You've just finished your quarterly check-in, and something's off. You've maintained a good rapport with your boss; you've met — nay, exceeded — your KPIs; you've played well with others, even Janice from Accounting… so why do you still feel that your job is going nowhere? It could be that you've come down with a terminal case of lazy-manager-itis. But how could that be? Where were the signs? Maybe we'll never know. For next time, though, here are some red flags to watch out for.

They're not interested in new ideas

You saw that your company was throwing away time and resources, and you made a solid business case for increasing efficiency that didn't come at a cost. You went into the pitch meeting already celebrating — your boss was going to be so proud! But … they turned it down. Of course, you can't always know what's on your boss's plate. But when good ideas are thrown out for seemingly no good reason, it's often because they require buy-in above your manager's pay grade. Unfortunately, some managers aren't willing to rock the boat, even for good ideas, and you're left in the lurch. How can you succeed when your manager propagates a "stick-in-the-mud" culture?

Their feedback isn't related to business goals

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annoyance-free workplace, and working in tandem with your manager along those lines is important. At the end of the day, though, you're both there to do business. If the feedback you're getting from your boss consistently has more to do with accommodating their personal work style or compulsions than meeting measurable business goals, they're not properly contextualizing your relationship. You'll have a hard time getting aligned on your career roadmap with a manager who can't put work first.

They see you in the same role indefinitely

Culture Amp, a leading data-driven employee-feedback platform, reports that employee retention is driven by whether employees are engaged, see a future for themselves within a company, and have access to ongoing learning and development. One way of assessing your manager's commitment to your continued growth is to ask, "What's your dream version of my role?" If they answer that they see you doing more of the same indefinitely, they're not seeing the big picture, and they're probably not the best collaborator for achieving your long-term goals.

Your first job is to advocate for yourself and your career — your second is to find colleagues who support your goals. Organizations are messy and often fraught with politics, and though your manager may not be able to make everything happen for you, you deserve a relationship that's founded on mutual respect. If your manager won't go to bat for you, it might be time to make a change.

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Phillies win sixth straight, sweep Rays

The Phillies are starting to figure things out.

The team's young stars soared Sunday afternoon as Philadelphia completed a sweep of Tampa Bay, 10-4.

Scott Kingery has 12 RBIs in the last eight games, three of which came on a bases-clearing double to put Philly ahead 4-2 in the third inning.

Kingery would also score a run on an Aaron Altherr three-run homer in the eighth inning.

Ben Lively got the start but only made it four innings. He was lifted by five innings of one-run relief from the Bullpen.

The Phillies will travel to Atlanta for a three-game set starting Monday.

The Sixers are back in action for Game 2, looking to jump to a 2-0 lead at home Monday with an 8 p.m. tipoff. GETTY IMAGES

Sixers make a statement with dominating win, Embiid or no

The Sixers' coming out party continued into the playoffs.

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The playoffs aren't like the regular season. The pace slows down. Half-court sets are more likely. The 76ers are young and inexperienced for the most part.

All of those warning signals were floated before the Sixers began their seven-game series against the Miami Heat Saturday night.

The Sixers answered every question with a resounding response.

It wasn't close after halftime and the Sixers won 130-103. The third-seeded Sixers will look to go up 2-0 in the series Monday night at the Wells Fargo Center.

Their 16-game winning streak in the regular season was hardly a fluke because they sliced and diced the Heat up in every way imaginable. And Joel Embiid was unavailable. Think about that for a minute. The Sixers won by 27 without their 7-foot-2 center, their franchise cornerstone. They'll have to do it again as the big man was ruled out for Game 2 as well.

This team seems to be for real.

"I think just the progressive growth of belief," Sixers coach Brett Brown told reporters about the surge after halftime. "It is easier to cultivate that when you're winning. Now I think we are 26-1 at home since Christmas, we've won a lot of games in a row, it sort of all adds up. We've talked a lot about how do we come out of halftime. Lots of times in the normal regular season it's not uncommon for both teams to need to have the dust shaken off of them to respond and start playing competitive basketball again."

The Sixers outscored the Heat, 74-43, in the second half. They dominated in every single facet, too.

Those 74 second half points are the most in a playoff half since scoring 81 on June 6, 1982, against the Los Angeles Lakers.

In '82, the Sixers featured players such as Julius Erving, Bobby Jones, Maurice Cheeks and Andrew Toney.

Rookie Ben Simmons took over at times in this first playoff game with 17 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds. Simmons' 14 assists are the most by a rookie in a playoff game since Spud Webb had 18 on April 19, 1986.

Simmons is mature beyond his years.

"I think for me just being more aggressive, attacking the rim," Simmons told reporters. "Obviously tonight, knocking down free throws when I get the opportunity and just moving the ball. Play the way I play. I don't need to take all the shots. I've got guys who can hit shots. So as long as I'm getting them open and good shots we're fine."

JJ Redick scored 28 huge points for the Sixers and heard the deafening roar from the sellout crowd with every made basket.

What was the atmosphere like?

"Goosebumps. The crowd gave me goosebumps," Redick said. "It's one game and it's 1-0 in the series, but I'll just say this, as a basketball player you dream about those moments where you're in the second half of a playoff game and your team is making a run and you're making stops and you're hitting threes and the crowd is just energizing you and pushing you. It was awesome. They've been like that the whole year and I've talked about it and Brett has talked about it. What's it going to be like in the playoffs? They brought it. No surprise."

At one stretch, the Sixers were 14-18. They pushed their way to 36-30 and then won 16 in a row for a 52-win regular season.

After one win in the postseason, who knows how far this team can advance? Just enjoy the ride.

Inconsistent Flyers decimated by Penguins, again, in Game 3

If the Flyers can't get back on track Wednesday, their season will be in grave danger. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers trail the Penguins 2-1 in the seven-game series.

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With the Wells Fargo Center buzzing, playoff hockey returned to Philadelphia with fans wondering which Flyers would show up for Game 3.

Would it be the 7-0 losers from an embarrassing Game 1 loss? Or the confident 5-1 winners from Friday's equalizer? It didn't take long for 18,000-plus on hand to figure it out. In a 5-1 loss dropping Philadelphia to a 2-1 deficit to their cross-state rivals, the Flyers fell victim to the NHL's best power play unit (which went 3-for-6 in the game).

They also were unable to overcome early mistakes and unforced errors as the hope and confidence created in Game 2 in Pittsburgh dissipated two days later.

The defending Stanley Cup Champs just look like a mismatch — there's no way around it.

"We know that's not how to carry over what we did last game," Flyers goalie Brian Elliott said after a forgettable afternoon.

The intensity was boiling over just minutes into the contest, as Chad Ruhwedel flipped a puck against the boards right into Travis Konecny's face — leading to, of course, a fair portion of pushing and shoving. No penality was called on the act, nor the stick to Konecny's back, fueling some early momentum for Philly.

A bevy of scoring chances followed fueled by adrenaline, as did defensive dominance — the Flyers did not allow a shot on goal until the 10:33 mark in the first.

But in true Penguins fashion, just one little mistake is all it took as a turnover by Michael Raffl in the Flyers' zone led to a golden opportunity for Sidney Crosby (who also netted three assists) behind the net. He converted the shot into a goal and 1-0 lead midway through the period. An 11-4 shot advantage for Philadelphia meant nothing as things were about to go south — and fast.

"We played a really good first 20 minutes and were down by one," Flyers head coach Dave Hakstol said. "The game took a real drastic turn in the first six, seven minutes of the second."

A Claude Giroux penalty to start the second did Philly no favors, as they fell deeper into a hole, 2-0, when Derick Brassard found nylon on the power play goal.

More Flyers' mistakes led to more Penguins goals, as a 4-on-3 chance for Pittsburgh resulted in Evgeni Malkin's one-timer strike to give the visiting squad some breathing room — and a slapshot from Brian Dumoulin just five seconds later put things more or less out of reach, 4-0.

Averting a shutout, a glimmer of hope came near the end of the second period off the stick of Travis Sanheim, who fired a shot passed Matt Murray from the blue line to chip away, 4-1.

The Pittsburgh power play, again, slammed the door shut on any forward momentum the Flyers had mustered, a Justin Shultz snipe made the score 5-1.

The Flyers are far from out of things as Game 4 will be at home Wednesday, and Philadelphia will have an extra day off to regroup. If they can salvage a win on their own ice, they'll return to Pittsburgh for Game 5 while also guaranteeing a return to Philly for a Game 6. If they're unable to pick up a victory at home Wednesday, they'll face elimination on Friday.

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The Eagles' biggest area of need in the NFL draft, arguably, is at offensive line.

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The NFL Draft is just over a week away, and fans are still eagerly anticipating what path the Eagles will take with the final pick on the first day...and no picks on the second. Stay where they are and take whichever surprising draft day fall we're witnessing at the time? Draft for "need"? Trade back in order to recoup some second- and third-round picks, as hard as it may be to let Dallas fans go a day without hearing "The Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles select…"?

One enticing choice is to further strengthen one of the team's strongest points. It worked last year on the defensive line and it could well work this year on the offensive front. The Eagles have displayed time and again that they prioritize the two lines when it comes to valuing cap space and draft collateral — and with good reason when you realise that one of the units is tasked with protecting Carson Wentz for hopefully the next decade.

That unit is coming off a tremendous season but facing questions surrounding the return of Jason Peters from injury, the general age of the starters, and the options waiting in the wings for the future. The Eagles could use their first-round pick to add a new face to that future.

This draft offers a unique opportunity at offensive tackle as well: Generally there would be several players lined up to be off the board before the Eagles pick, and one or two well removed inside the top ten. This year's class is different, features no agreed-upon hierarchy, and could leave the Eagles favorite option available when they walk to the podium. With that in mind, here are five players that pick could be. Notre Dame's Mike McGlinchey is excluded, as the only player routinely mocked ahead of the Eagle's selection.

Kolton Miller, UCLA

After McGlinchey, Miller is probably the second least likely candidate to be available at 32. He's been rising up draft boards quickly after staring at the combine and analytics also hype Miller: He is only charged with two sacks allowed in 2017.

But analysts have pointed out footwork issues that could beg for a total rework. That's a problem, but it's one some team will always be willing to believe they can fix, especially on a 6-foot-9 tackle whose athleticism topped the charts. The Eagles are strong enough currently along the line that they might think they can give Miller time to develop.

Orlando Brown, Oklahoma

Next up, the polar opposite in prospects: Brown finished the 2017 season as a First-Team All-American and was ranked right at the top of this group of draft prospects, notable for his 6-foot-8, 360-pound frame. Instead of improving that stock at the combine however, Brown had one of the worst performances in combine history, highlighted (or lowlighted) by a 5.85-second 40-yard dash and only 14 reps on the bench press.

His college game was strong enough that CBS Sports still ranks him as the best tackle pros-

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pect, but it's hard to see the Eagles, who value athleticism among their offensive lineman so highly, being enthralled by Brown.

Connor Williams, Texas

Williams is another player it would have once been hard to imagine falling to the bottom of the first round, but his 2017 season was nothing like his 2016 one. As a sophomore he was named First-Team All-American, but as a junior, knee injuries limited him to five games before he declared himself eligible for the draft.

He was recovered enough to turn in a fine combine, but another question scouts have about Williams is his size: 6-foot-5 and with 33-inch arms, some project him as a guard at the next level. PhillyVoice reports the Eagles have hosted Williams on a visit, so they're clearly interested in the former Longhorn.

Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan

Now for a couple of tackle prospects that make more sense if the Eagles do trade back from 32 to gain more picks on the second day of the draft. One of those picks could well be spent on Okorafor. The MAC tackle has been starting for three years for the Broncos, but is still considered a bit of a prospect who didn't play football until arriving in America during high school.

At 6-foot-6 and 330 pounds, he has the size of some of the other prospects mentioned here, but his athleticism didn't outshine any of them save Brown. Nevertheless, he's another player the Eagles have had in for a pre-draft visit and his college performance was impressive enough to be named an Outland Trophy Finalist.

Brian O'Neill, Pittsburgh

And finally, O'Neill is a bit of the middle round's Kolton Miller: an athletic riser post-combine. NFL.com compares him to Jake Fisher, a tackle often connected to Philly before the draft a few years ago, though not least because of his Oregon history. O'Neill doesn't have that on his resume, but he is a converted tight end, something the Eagles have loved featuring at the tackle position.

He started for three years for the Panthers, and his athleticism gave way to two touchdowns on gadget plays in college. That may not be the biggest indicator of professional success, but it's as good an indicator of his mobility as the 4.82 forty he turned in at the combine. There's a lot about O'Neill that we know the Eagles have liked in other players.

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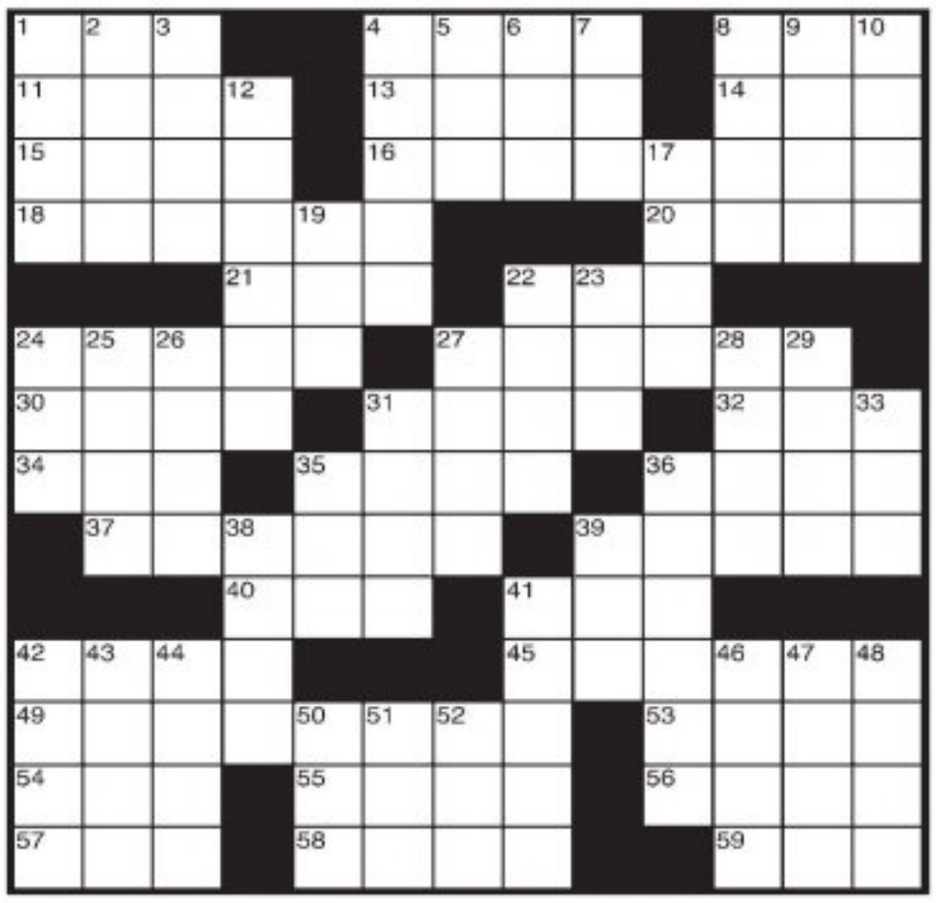

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1 IRS time
4 Wan
8 Joplin piece
11 Synthesizer eponym
13 Additional
14 Period 1
5 Culture dish goo
16 To a fault (2 wds.)
18 Surfer wannabes
20 Grease cutter
21 Slumber party wear
22 Streetwise
24 Lomond and Ness
27 Go downhill
30 Cheers
31 Headland
32 Crater edge
34 Run around
35 Broadcasts
36 Let down
37 Vassal's oath
39 Salad veggies
40 Two-finger sign
41 Metal in pewter
42 Groundless
45 A martial art
49 Eye wash
53 High spirits
54 Took in tow
55 Carry on
56 Camp cover
57 Vinyl records
58 Wine concern
59 – Paulo

DOWN

1 Rani servant
2 Comic strip possum
3 Highway
4 Not quite right
5 Male child
6 Many min.
7 Slangy OK
8 Start over
9 Vicinity
10 Breathe hard
12 Boardroom plots
17 Deadly snakes
19 Party VIPs
22 Brewery supplies
23 Scot. neighbor
24 Captain Kirk's journal
25 Viking name
26 Yield by treaty
27 Cautious
28 Actor Estrada
29 Very long river
31 Quote from
33 Natural elevs.
35 Stein filler
36 Excursion
38 Declare
39 LI doubled
41 Candle
42 "– cost you"
43 Thought-provoking
44 Aberdeen youths
46 Cousteau's islands
47 Mr. Elcar
48 Latch – (grab)
50 Like zinfandel
51 – Dawn Chong
52 Roe

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P	V	C	■	P	E	G	■	■	H	A	S	
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I	R	O	N	■	T	E	S	L	A	■	■	■
F	I	E	■	G	E	L	■	A	S	C	O	T
S	O	R	E	R	■	A	I	D	■	U	F	O
■	■	■	F	A	U	N	S	■	T	E	T	E
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